



Getting

OUT OF THE BOAT

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

**Shortly before dawn
Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.
When the disciples saw
him walking the lake,
they were terrified.
“It’s a ghost,” they said,
and they cried out in fear.**

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it is you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

**Then Peter got down out of
the boat, walked on the
water and came toward
Jesus.**

**But when he saw the wind,
he was afraid and,
beginning to sink, cried out,
“Lord save me!”**

**Immediately Jesus
reached out his hand
and caught him.**

**“You of little faith,” he
said, “why did you
doubt?”**

And when he climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**1. We have to be
willing to step out of
the boat.**

**2. Having faith
doesn't mean having
a trouble free life.**

John 16:33

**“In this world you will
have trouble. But take
heart! I have
overcome the world.”**

**3. Keep your eyes on
Jesus.**

Psalm 97:5

The mountains melt
like wax at the
presence of the Lord,
before the Lord of all
the earth.

4. What you do with the fear or after a lapse of faith is what matters.

2 Corinthians 12:9

But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

There will be times we are weak, or afraid or where we feel like we have failed to hold firm to our faith.

But what we do with those moments, and the way we can let God grow us through it, is the really important part.

5. Call out to the Lord.

Psalm 61:2-4

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

6. God is always there.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you;

be not dismayed,

for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and

help you;

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righteous right hand.

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